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SUBJECT: FISHERIES DISPUTE: GOI REPLY TO FRYDENLUND BEING
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1. SOURCE IN PROGRESSIVE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
TOLD HEAD OF BRITISH INTERESTS SECTION (BIS) THAT
PARTY HAD DECIDED SETTLEMENT WITH UK WAS NECESSARY
AND REPLY WOULD BE SENT THROUGH FRYDENLUND CHANNEL
SHORTLY. HOWEVER, PARTY LEADERS (READ OLAFUR
JOHANNESSON) WISHED THIS WORD TO REACH UK DIRECTLY
AND IMMEDIATELY. SAID IN INTERIM UNTIL SETTLEMENT
REACHED, EVERY ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE TO KEEP INCIDENTS
ON FISHING GROUNDS TO MINIMUM AND WAS HOPED BRITS WOULD
DO SAME.

2. HEAD OF BIS SAID HE BELIEVED MESSAGE WAS GENUINE
BUT WAS CONCERNED THAT GOI MIGHT ATTACH CONDITIONS
WHICH WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF MAKING ITS ACCEPTANCE
DIFFICULT. FRYDENLUND PROPOSAL WAS, OF COURSE, SET
OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES WHICH MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO
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FLESH OUT. HE WAS APPARENTLY NOT AWARE OF CONTENTS

OF REFTEL.

3. HEAD OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, GYLFI GISLASON, TOLD CHARGE MAY 11 THAT PARTY LEADERS WERE TOLD ALTHING PROBABLY COULD NOT ADJOURN UNTIL ABOUT MAY 20 SINCE "THIS FISHERIES BUSINESS HAD TO BE ROUNDED UP." MEETING OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF ALTHING SET FOR THIS AFTERNOON POSSIBLY FOR DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED REPLY TO NORWEGIANS.

4. IN ADDITION TO CLEARING MATTER THROUGH PP CENTRAL COMMITTEE, IT LOOKS AS IF CABINET WANTS TO CLEAR ITS SKIRTS EVEN FURTHER BY APPEARING TO ACT ON RECOMMENDATION OF GOI DELEGATION TO JUST-CONCLUDED LOS MEETING. WE UNDERSTAND ALL-PARTY DELEGATION PLUS EXPERTS IS WILLING TO MAKE SUCH RECOMMENDATION. SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH, THIS INCLUDES REPS FROM PEOPLES ALLIANCE. HOWEVER, DEL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN LED TO BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE SET OF AGREED ORAL UNDERSTANDING RATHER THAN WRITTEN AGREEMENT. WHETHER CABINET IS PLAYING A DOUBLE GAME ON THIS SCORE REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

5. GIVE USUAL WORKINGS OF ICELANDIC POLITICAL LIFE, IT WOULD BE TOO OPTIMISTIC TO THINK COD WAR III IS ON VERGE OF RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, SOME IMPORTANT MILESTONES ARE BEING PASSED HERE AND IT LOOKS AS IF REPLY TO NORWEGIANS WILL GO FORWARD IN NEXT DAY OR TWO ACCEPTING FRYDENLUND PROPOSAL AS BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT.

6. SINCE THINS SEEM TO BE MOVING FORWARD, WE BELIEVE IT IS BEST FOR US TO REMAIN OBSERVERS AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. WE BELIEVE "NUDGE" FROM US WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. IN ANY CASE, SITUATION MAY WELL BE CLARIFIED IN NEXT 48 HOURS. MARTIN

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